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**Via ECF**

The Honorable Georgette Castner, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court  
for the District of New Jersey  
Clarkson S. Fisher Building  
& U.S. Courthouse  
402 East State Street  
Trenton, NJ 08608

Re: *Daniel Francisco, et al. v. Peter S. Cooke, Jr., et al.*,  
Civil Action No. 21-14575-GC-DEA

Dear Judge Castner:

I represent the plaintiffs in the above-captioned action and write to provide a joint status update in this matter. As previously reported to Magistrate Judge Arpert just prior to his recent retirement from the bench, the parties have reached a settlement in principle. The parties have reduced their agreement to writing, are finalizing the language of a draft Consent Order which (if agreed to by all parties) could be entered by the Court as a final judgment, and are working to consummate their settlement in the very near term. Accordingly, all counsel believe it would be appropriate to provide another joint status update in 30 days or at such other time as Your Honor may request.

Thank you for your consideration. Counsel are available at the convenience of the Court should Your Honor have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bradley P. Lehman

cc: All Counsel (via ECF)